



H.R. 1505 - To designate the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach Federal Building"

Floor Situation

H.R. 1505 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

This bill is expected to be considered on the floor on May 15, 2007.

Summary

H.R. 1505 designates the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach Federal Building". This legislation was introduced by Representative David Loebsack (D-IA) on March 13, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, as amended, by voice vote, on May 2, 2007.

Background

James Albert Smith Leach was born in Davenport, Iowa, on October 15, 1942. Mr. Leach attended the public schools of Davenport, Iowa, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University in 1964. He later received a Master of Arts degree in Soviet Politics from the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University in 1966, and subsequently attended the London School of Economics.

Former Representative Leach began his public service career in 1965 as a staff person to then-Congressman Donald Rumsfeld. In 1968, Rep. Leach joined the U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer and subsequently served as special assistant to director at the Office of Economic Opportunity. In the 1970s, Rep. Leach served in various capacities with the United Nations, the United States Advisory Commission on International Education and Cultural Affairs, and the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

In 1976, Rep. Leach was elected to Congress. Rep. Leach represented the 2nd District of Iowa in the United States House of Representatives for 30 years (1977-2007). A career public servant, Rep. Leach chaired the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, and the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. He holds eight honorary degrees, has received decorations from two foreign governments, and is the recipient of the Wayne Morse Integrity in Politics

Award, the Woodrow Wilson Award from Johns Hopkins University, the Adlai Stevenson Award from the United Nations Association, and the Edger Wayburn Award from the Sierra Club.

In February 2007, former Rep. Leach joined the faculty of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs as a visiting professor.

Cost

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that enactment of this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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